

Sentinel Booster Club Meeting

May 13, 2019

Attendees: Ann Bates, Kim Brown, Andy Common, Amy Dupras, Carlett Hogan, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Sindie Kennedy, Dane Oliver and Cindy Sandau

Guest: New Principal, Ryan Rettig

Mr. Rettig introduced himself, explaining he was an athletic director previously and has served as a principal. He is from Washington state. His goal is to get students connected. The Booster Club plays an important role. He will be in Missoula permanently by the end of June. He would like to see the Booster Club provide equitable opportunities for students. Community is an important part of building relationships. He hopes to meet with community members regularly. Mr. Rettig would like to promote community connections through the Booster Club. He will institute a Wired Wednesday for staff - morning coffee before school begins to build collegiality. This could be an opportunity for the Booster Club to raise awareness. He likes to have fun.

Kim explained the Sentinel Booster Club role and capacity - how we raise and spend money.

Minutes: Change the date on the minutes pertaining to the scholarship deadline to the 18th from the 22nd. Lisa made a motion to approve the April minutes with noted corrections. Amy seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook balance: \$17,500. There could be some money going out for the trophy cases. The account has grown. We started with \$9,000. The helium shortage means no more helium. Norco is not selling helium for anything other than for medical reasons. Amy will investigate other vendors. The tank has required re-filling a couple of times per year. Norco will pick up the tank, so we are not paying for the rental.

The Booster Club was asked to contribute \$250 for Senior All Night Party. It has been done. It was in the budget.

Activity Payouts:

Of the 23 activities the Booster Club supports, 15 met the criteria to receive Booster Club support; eight did not meet all of the criteria (e.g., the coach/program coordinator reported during a monthly Booster Club meeting but no one worked the closet or parents worked the closet and the program coordinator never attended a meeting). Kim asked if we had as many this year as last year. No one knew for sure but felt we had more this year.

Spirit Closet:

The closet has not been opened recently. We did not open during the softball season. We did sell some softball shirts during the sports meeting. Discussion ensued about board members attending the individual sports meetings during the fall and spring sports meetings. The goal would be to connect with each sport, obtain coach contact information and recruit a parent representative/liaison (a Spartner). We could ask coaches to assign a parent. The plan is to have a parent volunteer lined up before the fall sports meeting.

Kim asked if we have volunteers for opening the closet on June 12. Lisa suggested we offer an opportunity for Speech and Debate to work the closet to earn more money for Nationals. Cindy will connect with the "Spartner" to see how the Booster Club can help. They need to raise \$2,000 per student. The Booster Club could possibly offer a per diem.

Lisa sold two pairs of shorts just by having the closet open to get ready for the Teacher Appreciation event.

8th Grade Promotion:

Meadow Hill - Amy is trying to get numbers from the secretary. The PTO is taking on the planning for promotion.

C.S. Porter - a parent-lead who has a student attending Sentinel has been assigned to work with us on obtaining promotional materials (the PTO president is already a Sentinel parent).

SBC Activities Report:

Band – the final banquet is May 21.

Speech and Debate – they still need to raise \$5,000 for their June 15 trip.

Choir - no report

Robotics - no report

Softball – they finished their season in first place. They lost a tie breaker to Glacier. Divisionals are Friday/Saturday at Fort Missoula. If it gets rained out, the top four will qualify. Sentinel is a two seed. The starting pitcher broke her thumb.

Track – the team is doing well. The divisional meet is this weekend in Helena. The state meet is next week in Kalispell. The boys are doing great; they won in Butte. Bozeman beat the girls in Butte. The team will be going to state - 25 to 35 students. Softball will take 13. Tennis will take 12 (two alternates).

Drama - Their show, How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying, is this week (Thurs through Sat).

Tennis:

Invitational T-shirt sells (Sindie's notes):

- Ordered 250 transfers because of cost break. Too many. Would have been fine to order less
- Arranged for Big Sky Booster Club to sell at Fort Missoula
- Reached out to Hellgate Booster Club and invited to sell at the University
 - They turned down the invitation
- Set-up Sentinel booth at Playfair on Friday
- Parks & Rec requires a vendor permit - Big Sky couldn't access electricity at the Fort without a vendor permit
- Probably could have been fine at Playfair
- University requires a contract and will take 15% of sales (waived both this time)
 - It's a good thing Hellgate turned down our invitation
- Sales were abysmal
 - It rained most of the day on Friday
 - Playfair - we were too far away from the action
 - Big Sky sold one shirt in two days - they were not in a good location
 - Sales were pretty good at the university - made all our money at the university
 - Location was good
 - Had to close up shop at 1 PM due to high winds
- Didn't charge Big Sky anything
- Sindie put a lot of work into it
 - Made signs
 - Worked with Universal and Rebecca on the design
 - Coordinated volunteers
 - Conducted inventory - up front with volunteer help and by herself
 - Coordinated the transport of the shirts
 - Returned the shirts on her own (with help from Scott and Kian)
- Sindie's inventory differed dramatically from Universal's
 - Was 40 off
 - Made Universal re-count
 - Finally ended up being 20 off - in Universal's favor
- Broke even in the end (actually came in <\$8 short)
 - Still have a lot of transfers

The tennis team had a great season.

Sindie lost count of the number of games that were canceled due to bad weather.

Kian got to travel to Kalispell and play in a regional tournament. It was Jr. Prom so many players did not go (May 4).

- #1 Singles (boys) - Cody came in 3rd
- #1 Singles (girls) - Meredith came in 2nd
- #2 Singles (girls) - Jayden came in 1st
- #3 Singles - Malone came in 1st
- #2 Doubles - Andrew/Haiden came in 2nd
- #3 doubles Kian/David came in 3rd

Divisionals were last week - they played Hellgate, Big Sky and Great Falls

- Cody Curtis and Connor D'Angelo swept boys doubles as second seeds
- Ethan Violette, top seeded boys' singles player lost to Big Sky's top seed
- Meredith Murdock, top seeded girls' singles player lost to Hellgate's top seed
- 10 players qualified to go to the State meet this week in Great Falls:
 - Ethan Violette (singles)
 - Aiden Watson (singles)
 - Meredith Murdoch (singles)
 - Sarah Armstrong (singles)
 - Cody Curtis/Connor D'Angelo (doubles)
 - Jack Johnson/Sam Olson (doubles)
 - Lauren Badger/Leanna Badger (doubles)
- 12 players will travel to state, to include two alternates

Custodian Appreciation Day - April 18 – was successful and very much appreciated.

Staff Appreciation Day – occurred last week. The Booster Club provided a popcorn bar (7 different types of popcorn). Tuesday, next day, Lisa, Carlett and Kim served lunch to all the staff. In the past, the coffee cart managers have taken care of Staff Appreciation Day, but they did not have the funds. Margo Dunneman mentioned combining the effort next year.

New and Ongoing Business

Flyers will go out with the welcome packets in August before school starts. Freshman packets go out earlier. Lisa has the date.

Business Sponsorships - We want to reach out to businesses by July 1. If a business donates enough to get the passes, they can get them earlier - before passes go on sale.

Business Wall – the Big Sky Booster Club has plaques on their wall. Dane thinks it is a good idea and suggested we could place plaques where the cross-country cases are now. Dane would like to see a different display. We could take down the case. The plaques could include the business name and the year(s) they donated.

Trophy Case Update – the Booster Club will purchase three new cases, with a total cost of \$4,575, to be installed on the second floor in a common area. They will be like the existing new cases. The glass is an additional cost of \$812. The glass person is a Sentinel parent so he would give it to us for half price of \$406. The total cost will be around \$5,000. The cost includes the embellishment.

Kim suggested we try to keep the cases current and updated.

Kim called for a vote to purchase three cases for \$4,981 to complete all our activities. The board unanimously voted to purchase three cases.

Essay Contest - deadline is May 18.

POST MEETING UPDATE:

Two scholarships were awarded to Sentinel seniors: Jack Colyer and Dylan Sandau.

Dane Oliver Update:

Dane is wrapping up the spring season. He is excited to work with Ryan Rettig, the new principal. Having a principal with an athletic director background is great. Dane is ready for summer. He is looking forward to new ways to connect with coaches and the athletes. Dane thanked Kim for her service; and Kim thanked Dane for all his support.

New Board Positions:

Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson has been taking on the role of president.

Carlett and Amy committed to two years, so no need for a vote.

Sindie had said she did not want to do a fourth year. She is willing to take on another year. (A vote is not necessary because she renewed her 2-year commitment last year.)

Monique will continue to help with the closet. She would like one more person to help her. The closet organizer is responsible for the inventory, making sure it is staffed and taking care of shift sign ups.

We do not have a 50/50 coordinator. The Booster Club will have to rely on volunteers.

Sindie made a motion to elect Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson as the president of the Sentinel Booster Club. Carlett seconded. All were in favor.